

# CLAIMS

1. A combined warning flag and storage bag, comprising:

warning flag means for attachment to an object to call attention to the object;

said warning flag means having a hollow interior defining a bag for storage  
5 of items;

6 said bag having an access opening formed therein for placement of items in the bag and retrieval of the items therefrom;

a rigid member extending along a top edge of the combined flag and bag to maintain it in an unfurled condition during use; and

10 securing means attached to the combined flag and bag to attach it to an object for use of the combined flag and bag as a warning flag on the object.

2. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

6 said warning flag means comprises a body of material stitched together to form said hollow interior, and including side panels which lend depth to the  
5 bag, thereby defining an expandable, larger hollow interior for storage of items.

Sub G. 3. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

said access opening has closure means for selectively opening and closing said opening.

4. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

Fig 3

a reflective strip is applied to said warning flag and storage bag to render it more visible at night time.

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5. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 3, wherein:

said closure means comprises a zipper.

Fig 10

6. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

said rigid member comprises a header bar extending along a top edge of the combined warning flag and storage bag, for holding the combined flag and storage bag in an unfurled, generally rectangular configuration, and also defining means for connection of one or more tie straps for securing the combined flag and bag to an object.

7. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

Fig 10  
5 the header bar comprises a two-piece body secured along the upper edge portion of the combined flag and storage bag, with one body portion on one side of the flag and the other body portion on the opposite side, and the flag clamped therebetween.

8. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 7, wherein:

Fig 10  
5 the header bar has hook-receiving openings formed therein for receiving the hooked ends of a tie-down strap, whereby the tie-down strap may be attached to the header bar to serve as a handle for the combined warning flag and storage bag.

9. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 8, wherein:

Fig 10  
5 the header bar has additional hook-receiving openings therein for attachment of the hooked ends of additional tie-down straps for securing the combined flag and storage bag to an object.

10. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

Fig 9  
5 the two body portions of the header bar each have a longitudinally extending retaining channel portion formed therein, said retaining channel portions being in aligned registry with one another on opposite sides of the upper edge portion of the combined flag and bag, and clamping said upper edge portion

therebetween, said upper edge portion having a thickened seam portion thereon which is received in said retaining channel.

11. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

*Sub 6* said stitched-together body of material defines a closed loop along the upper edge of the combined warning flag and storage bag; and

5 said header bar is an elongate, rigid rod received in said closed loop.

12. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 11, wherein:

*Sub 6* grommets are placed in said body of material at locations spaced along the upper edge and spaced inwardly from the position of said rigid rod, for receiving

5 the hooked ends of tie-down straps to secure the combined flag and bag to an object.

13. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 12, wherein:

*Sub 6* reinforced cut-outs are formed in said looped end at two spaced locations along the upper edge of the combined flag and bag, in communication with said

5 rigid rod inserted therein, for receiving the hooked ends of a strap, whereby the hooked ends engage the rod, which supports the hooked ends to enable the strap to serve as a handle for the combined flag and bag.

14. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 2, wherein:

the body of material comprises a weather-resistant material lined on the inside surface with a water-repellant coating.

15. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 14, wherein:

the header bar has indicia-receiving means thereon for placement of a company logo and the like.

16. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 1, wherein:

said warning flag means comprises a body of open mesh material stitched together along opposite side edges to form said hollow interior, said body of material having free ends secured to said rigid member on opposite sides thereof.

17. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 16, wherein:

the rigid member comprises a generally rectangularly shaped body having a relatively thin, depending flange; and

said flange is secured between the free ends of the bag.

18. A combined warning flag and storage bag as claimed in claim 17, wherein:

Fig 9  
the rectangularly shaped body of the rigid member has a plurality of openings extended transversely therethrough for receiving tie-down straps or  
5 other fasteners; and

at least one opening formed through an upper edge thereof for receiving an end of a strap to function as a handle or as a tie-down means.

Fig 11  
19. A storage bag for storing small items, comprising:  
a hollow body formed of open weave mesh material, said body having front and back sides, a closed bottom, and an open top;

an elongate rigid header bar secured to the open top, closing the open top  
5 and retaining the shape of the bag in unfolded condition, said header bar serving as a means for attaching the bag to a support and/or for attaching a handle to the bag;

a closable opening formed through the front side of the bag near the open top, through which items may be placed in the bag and retrieved therefrom; and

10 said open weave mesh material comprising PVC plastic, thereby rendering the bag resistant to the effects of water and ultraviolet radiation, and enabling the bag to dry quickly and preventing collection of water therein, whereby the bag is especially suitable for marine use.

Fig 10  
20. A bag as claimed in claim 19, wherein:  
the header bar has hook-receiving openings formed therethrough for receiving fasteners to secure the bag to a support; and

said header bar has a generally flat, rectangular configuration, with a  
5 relatively thin, depending flange, said flange being secured in the open end of the  
bag to attach the bag to the header bar and to close the open end of the bag.